

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S)	:	Vild et al.
TITLE	:	MELTING SYSTEM FOR METAL SALTS
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 22, 2006, setting forth a Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, for further prosecution of the subject application, Group I, which claims are drawn to a molten metal submergence device, classified in class 266, subclass 236. This elected group includes original claims 1-7 and 15-19.

The shortened statutory period to respond to the Office Action expired July 22, 2006. Applicants request a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination. Such examination is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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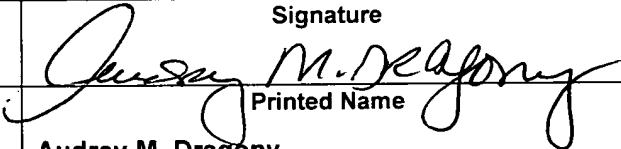
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